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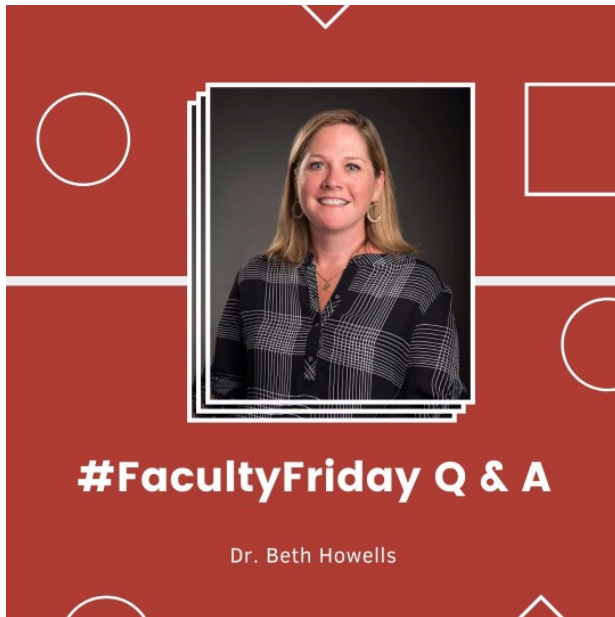
# #FacultyFridays: Q&A with Dr. Beth Howells

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*We'll be bringing #FacultyFridays Q & A to you once a month this semester. We think our professors are pretty great, and we want to share them with you all. But, this isn't your typical interview or Q & A session. We want to shed a little insight into some of their quirks or deepest desires (like, what's their most coveted superpower?)*

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*On today's blog, we're presenting Dr. Beth Howells, the chairperson of the Department of Literature.*



*Dr. Beth Howells*

*Want to know her least favorite word? Or what TV show she would take with her during the zombie apocalypse? Or what creepy crawly surprised her while teaching? Check out today's blog to learn more.*

*Also, today is extra special. It's Dr. Howells' birthday. Join us in wishing her a very happy born-day. Happy Birthday, Dr. Howells!*

**What's your favorite word?**

serendipity

**What's your least favorite word?**

pantyhose

**What profession other than yours would you like to attempt?**

Chef

**During the zombie apocalypse, what's one book, poem, movie, play, or short story we would be surprised you're taking with you?**

I would have to take the television series *The Wire*. Indeed, as the prophet Omar would say, I would.

**Hero, Anti-hero, or Villain? Because...?**

This seems like a great age for the anti-hero. From Satan in *Paradise Lost* to Don Draper in *Mad Men*, from Becky Sharp in *Vanity Fair* to Fleabag in *Fleabag*, they are the most fun.

**What is the most surprising thing that has happened to you while teaching?**

I once had a student bring a ferret to class. I discovered this when her backpack starting crawling down the aisle.

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*Did you enjoy today's Q&A? We sure did! We're certainly curious to taste some of Chef Howells' food, and we're tickled pink at the ferret. We're inclined to think that the ferret was super interested in what Dr. Howells was teaching that day.*

*Stay tuned for next month's feature!*

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